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Ms. Catherine Giblin
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Dear Ms. Giblin:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA, the Region 6 Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the development and implementation of Range-Wide Mission and Major Capabilities at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. The DEIS assesses the impacts associated with expanded off-road development and testing activities needed to support increased Future Combat Systems testing and the stationing and training of a Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

EPA classifies your DEIS and proposed action as "LO" i.e., EPA has "**Lack of Objections**" to the selection of the preferred alternative. Our classification will be published in the Federal Register according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions. If you have any questions please contact Mike Jansky of my staff at 214-665-7451 or by e-mail at jansky.michael@epa.gov for assistance.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Draft EIS. We request that you send our office one (1) copy of the Final EIS at the same time that it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities (2251A), EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20044.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Gilmore".

Cathy Gilmore
Chief, Office of Planning
and Coordination